

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
CRIME PREVENTION AND JUSTICE ASSISTANCE DIVISION
GRANTS AND PLANNING BRANCH**

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)
RECOVERY ACT STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM**

Pursuant to §Chapter 103F-106, Hawaii Revised Statutes and §3-142-202, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Department of the Attorney General (hereinafter “Department”), Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division (CPJAD) is seeking written comments regarding a planned Request for Proposal (RFP) that will be announced in the coming weeks for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (hereinafter “Recovery Act”) S.T.O.P. (Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program. The RFP will be opened to victim service providers, including faith-based and community organizations as set forth in Regulation 28CFR38.1 (see also President Bush’s Executive Order No. 13279).

The CPJAD is seeking comments and input from the public on the service specifications of this RFP. The specifications will include new provisions of the 2009 Recovery Act STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program and purpose areas of the VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2005, particularly as it applies to victim services for underserved populations and cultural and linguistic specific services for victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. To review these provisions, access the OVW website at <http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw> and click “Open OVW Recovery Act Solicitations” and access the Recovery Act STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program solicitation. All contracts awarded under the Recovery Act STOP Formula Grant shall be subject to the reporting requirements of Section 1512 (c) of the Recovery Act of 2009 and the Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006. Previous service specifications, which do not include the Recovery Act of 2009 reporting requirements and accountability and transparency provisions, can be accessed at the State Procurement Notices Health and Human Services 103F website (<http://www4.hawaii.gov/spoh/rfps.htm>)

The contract term will be approximately 12 months from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011; any extension to the project period shall be subject to prior written approval by the Department. The initial period shall commence on the contract start date or upon Notice to Proceed by the Department, whichever is later. Multiple contracts may be awarded under this request for proposals. However, multiple proposals must be physically separate proposals and ranked according to priority by the applicant agency.

The probable funding amount for the 12-month contract period will be \$282,928 of which at least 10 percent or \$28,292 shall be set aside for culturally- and linguistic-specific services. Any extension of contract terms or dates would be based on contract performance and availability of monies.

Written inquiries, comments, suggestions, and feedback are appreciated by January 11, 2010 via e-mail, fax or postal mail, and may be directed to:

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The CPJAD reserves the right to incorporate or not incorporate into its RFP any recommendations made in response to this RFI.

Please be advised that your participation in this RFI is entirely optional and is not a requirement for response to the upcoming RFP. Neither the CPJAD nor any interested parties responding has any obligations under this Request For Information.